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FROM LOSDEL

FOR UNDERSECRETARY MAW

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SUBJECT: LOS: ARTIC POLLUTION ARTICLE

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1. U.S., CANADA, AND USSR REACHED AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT IN MID-APRIL ON AN ARTICLE FOR LOS TREATY GIVING ARCTIC COASTAL STATES POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY OVER VESSELS IN THEIR ECONOMIC ZONES. AS INDICATED REFTEL, U.S. AND CANADA AGREEMENT INCLUDED RELATED UNDERSTANDING THAT CANADA WOULD SUPPORT U.S. POSITION ON STRAITS CONNECTING TWO PARTS OF HIGH SEAS. CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MACEACHEN AND U.S. AMB LEARSON AGREED TO SUBMIT PACKAGE TO RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROVAL.

2. USG HAS NOW APPROVED PACKAGE AND USSR IS READY TO SUPPORT ARCTIC ARTICLE. HOWEVER, U.S. LOS DEL IS AWAITING WORD OF CANADIAN APPROVAL BEFORE AGREEING TO ARTICLE.

3. AMB. LEARSON SPOKE TO AMB. BEESLEY OF CANADA TODAY AND BEESLEY SAID HE DID NOT YET HAVE APPROVAL FROM OTTAWA. LEARSON RAISED STRAITS ISSUE AS PART OF RELATED UNDER-
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STANDINGS AND BEESLEY SAID NOT TO WORRY. BEESLEY SAID HE

MIGHT GET INSTRUCTIONS NEXT WEEK. LEARSON REPLIED THAT THAT WAS TOO LATE.

4. LOS CONFERENCE THIRD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN YANKOV (BULGARIA) IS PRESENTLY DRAFTING REVISED LOS MARINE POLLUTION TEXT WHICH HE WILL SUBMIT TO PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE ON MONDAY FOR TRANSLATION AND ISSUANCE TO DELGATES.

5. USSR HAS GIVEN TEXT OF ARCTIC ARTICLE TO YANKOV. ALTHOUGH YANKOV UNDERSTANDS THAT U.S. HAS NOT GIVEN FINAL ASSENT TO ARTICLE, USSR WILL CERTAINLY TELL HIM TO PUT ARTICLE IN TEXT EVEN WITHOUT OUR FINAL APPROVAL, SINCE THE SOVIETS WANT THE ARTICLE. CANADIANS JUST ADMITTED THEY GAVE THE ARTICLE TO YANKOV, BUT SAID U.S. AND CANADA DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS.

6. CANADA WOULD DOUBTLESSLY BE PLEASED TO HAVE ARCTIC ARTICLE PUT IN REVISED TEXT WITHOUT FINAL U.S. APPROVAL IF RESULT WERE THAT CANADA DID NOT HAVE TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITION ON STRAITS. CONSEQUENTLY, THIS IS FINAL REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TIE DOWN CANADIAN SUPPORT ON STRAITS.

7. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED AMB. ENDERS TO MAKE IMMEDIATE APPROACH TO MACEACHEN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL. AMB. SHOULD STATE THAT USG HAS APPROVED PACKAGE INCLUDING ARCTIC ARTICLE AND UNDERSTANDING ON STRAITS IN SAME FORM AS DISCUSSED BY LEARSON AND MACEACHEN ON APRIL 12. US LOS DEL HAS NOT APPROACHED CHAIRMAN YANKOV TO GIVE USG APPROVAL BECAUSE OF AMB. BEESLEY'S LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS ON STRAITS ISSUE. IF WE ARE TO BE JOINTLY SUCCESSFUL IN SOLVING PROBLEM OF ARCTIC, JOINT APPROACH MUST BE MADE TO YANKOV NO LATER THAN MONDAY.
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